the Chief Minister and the Minister for Commercial Taxes of Andhra Pradesh respectively for setting up of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Visakhapatnam and these have been replied by Minister of Human Resource Development *vide* letters dated 12.03.2007 and dated 29.01.2008.

The eleventh Five Year Plan envisages establishment of 7 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). One of the 7 IIMs has been established at Shillong (Meghalaya). The request of the Andhra Pradesh Government will be kept in mind while deciding locations of the remaining six IIMs. It is not possible, at this stage, to indicate a specific time limit by which the final decision will be taken.

UNESCO report on literacy

*69. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNESCO report has rapped the country for its poor literacy record and on the basis of the population growth, the UNESCO Institute of Statistics has projected that the country's literacy rate is just a shade over 60 per cent, compared with global standards, and that one-third of world's illiterates live in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has added that it would not be able to achieve 85 per cent literacy by 2012 and blamed the National Literacy Mission for the failure as it did not target illiterates above 35 years and caters only to the 15—35 age group; and

(c) if so, what are the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. According to the Education for All-Global Monitoring Report of UNESCO and 2001 Census, the adult literacy rate in India was 61 per cent in respect of population aged 15 and over. However, according to the 2001 Census, the literacy rate for the population aged 7 years and above was 64.84 per cent, which reflected an increase of 12.63 per cent since 1991. Out of the 774 million illiterates in the world, 268 million persons are in India.

(b) No, Sir. However, due to paucity of funds it will not be possible to achieve 85 per cent literacy by 2012.

(c) Total Literacy Campaign (TLC), Post Literacy Programme (PLP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) are being implemented in 597 districts for imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15—35 age group.

Proposal of West Bengal for Funds for Renewable Energy Programmes

*70. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unsatarred Question 1403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 2007 and state the reasons for non-acceptance of the proposal of Government of West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): The proposal of West Bengal Government was for extending the same level of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of 90% for implementation

of all renewable energy programmes in the district of Darjeeling like other hilly States in the Himalayan region. In this regard, the Ministry had already conveyed its commitment to extend upto 90 per cent CFA for implementation of its Remote Village Electrification programme in all remote villages of the State including those in Darjeeling district, which largely addressed the request made by the State. Extending the same level of CFA for implementation of the Ministry's other renewable energy programmes not leading to electrification of remote villages in the district was not supported on the ground that such a decision would lead to similar requests from other States in respect of their hilly/backward regions.

Development charges in private colleges

*71. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private colleges are taking large amount of fees as development charges, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is making any law for filling up maximum seats through UGC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Rural electrification in Rajasthan

†*72. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any target for the electrification of all the villages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of villages in Rajasthan which are to be electrified during 2008 and by when all the villages in Rajasthan are likely to be electrified, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Government of India launched the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in April 2005 which envisages providing access of electricity to all rural households in the country in five years which *inter-alia* means electrification of all the un-electrified villages in the country. The State-wise status of village electrification on 31.03.2004 at the time of launch of RGGVY is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

Electricity being a concurrent subject, the execution of Rural Electrification works is being carried out on the basis of project reports submitted by the concerned State-Governments. The State-wise and year-wise number of villages reported electrified by the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.